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1. On 15 January, the labor force of the Zittau plants was subjected to an intensive KVP recruiting campaign. [redacted] the campaign was connected with the discharge of numerous KVPs.
2. A new recruiting campaign for the KVP began in the district of Templin in early February 1954. Wanted were young SED members considered reliable and not older than 30 years of age. Those who refused to join the KVP were expelled from the SED. Those who were government employees were allegedly also removed from their positions.
3. On 7 February 1954, records of the KRA-Chemnitz-Land indicated that by order of the Ministry of the Interior up to 30 percent of the total KVP strength authorized for 1954 were to be fulfilled prior to 31 March 1954. Priority was given to the assignment of replacements to Bereitschaften.
4. Officer candidates were recruited among the students of high schools at the time of information. The officer training courses were scheduled to begin on 1 October 1954 and to last three years.
5. Specialists were needed for the large hospital in Bad Saarow. A monthly salary of 2,500 to 5,000 eastmarks was offered to specialized physicians. Chief nurses were given officer's rank in the event of appointment.
6. [redacted] the labor force of the Koeppenick VEB-Funkwerk was subjected to another KVP recruiting campaign which was directed by the cadre department of the plant. The campaign focused on engineers who were graduates of technical colleges and engineer schools. These were scheduled to be appointed as technical officials.

Comment. These recruiting campaigns are intended to raise the strength of the units to full authorized strength prior to the beginning of summer training. [redacted] 10 percent of all SED members among the labor forces of nationalized plants were scheduled to be recruited. 25X1

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